LOOK FOR HEATH FIRST
BROWSER HISTORY (NEED ADMINISTRATOR APPROVAL)
HISTORY DELETES IN 48 HOURS. SAVE IMPORTANT FILES.
STORAGE BOX
WHERE AND WHAT HE'S DOING.

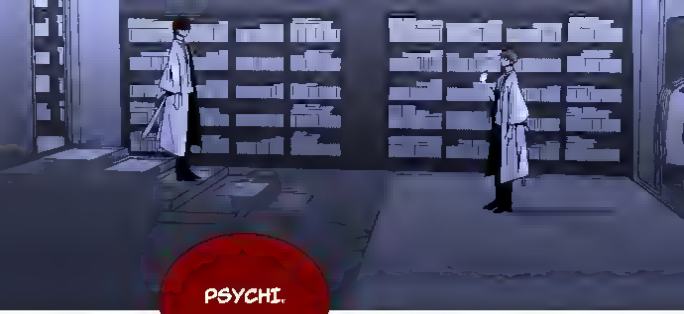
WE HAD TRACKED HIM 7 YEARS AGO,
CLICK
BUT HE'S BEEN MISSING IN RECENT YEARS.

WHAT DOES THE YEOHADAN CAPTAIN SAY?
HE'S ALWAYS SUSPICOUS..
BEFORE THEY GET A MOVE ON, WE NEED TO FIND HEATH FIRST...

WHO ARE YOU?

HOW, WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION...!!
DIRECTOR HEATH OF THE 7TH LAB AT MANA ASSOCIATION 221 YEARS AGO.

THAT MIRACLE OF SYNODIC MONTH WAS RESEARCH TO TAKE PLACE AT THE ASSOCIATION?
EXPLAIN, SO I CAN GRASP THIS.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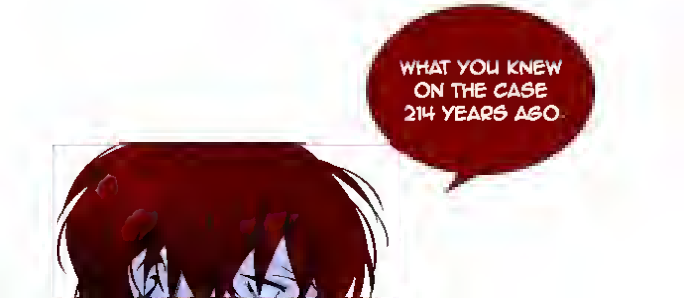
WHAT YOU KNEW ON THE CASE 214 YEARS AGO.

WHY YOU DIDN'T REPORT THE SUSPECT BUT LET HIM BE..!

WHY YOU KNEW THIS 214 YEARS BACK, EVEN BEFORE I WAS BORN, BUT PRETENDED OTHERWISE..!

GNASH
IT... IT WASN'T LIKE THAT, RAN.
WHACK

THEN WHY DID YOU TAKE THE CASE FROM ME?!!
YOU CONVINCED THE YEOHADAN CAPTAIN..!!
THE MOMENT

YOU HEARD FROM TEN, YOU WENT TO ASK FOR THE CASE!!
210 YEARS AGO WHEN KASIN FACED EXECUTION DUE TO TESERA'S DECISION.

WHEN A MEETING ALMOST CONVENED ONCE HIASEN REALIZED HIS NINE,
AS THE MANA ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, YOU PERSUADED TESERA TO CHANGE THE OUTCOME.

EVEN IDIOTS KNOW THAT.

214 YEARS AGO. 13 KIDS WERE LOCKED AWAY IN THAT FACILITY.
BESIDES ME AND SENIKA, YOU KNEW THEIR EN PISTE HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE. SO WHY DIDN'T YOU REPORT THAT?
RAN...

HELPLESS,

I WATCHED AS THE CHILDREN WERE PUT TO SLEEP WITHOUT EVEN A FIGHT.

NOT KNOWING
IF THEY WERE
DEAD OR ALIVE,
I TRIED TO WAKE
THEM
IN MY DREAMS.

WHEN I REALIZED
THEY WERE NO MORE,
YOU KNEW HOW I FELT
TRYING TO LIVE IT OUT
DAY TO DAY..!

I'M SORRY RAN
I'LL TALK TO EFTICHIA AND YEOHADAN TO SET THINGS RIGHT...!
YOU WANT ME TO TRUST YOU AGAIN?!!

WHATEVER YOUR REASON, NOW THAT I KNOW YOU DIDN'T REPORT IT 214 YEARS AGO,
YOU DON'T HAVE MY TRUST.
...!

THE GRATITUDE I HAD FOR YOU ENDS HERE.

THAT MIRACLE OF SYNODIC MONTH

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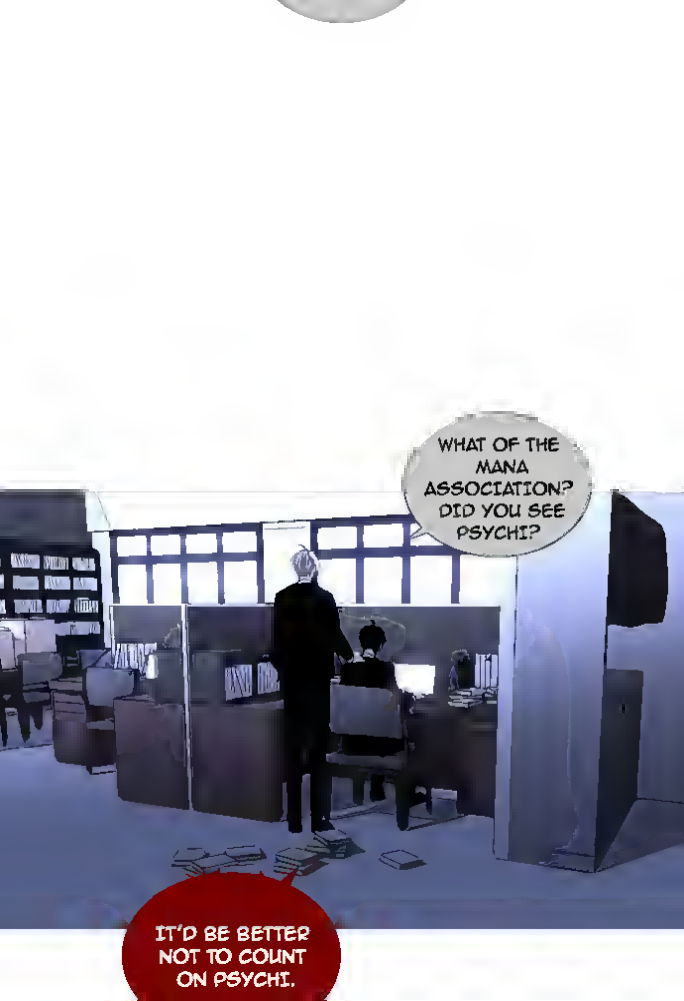
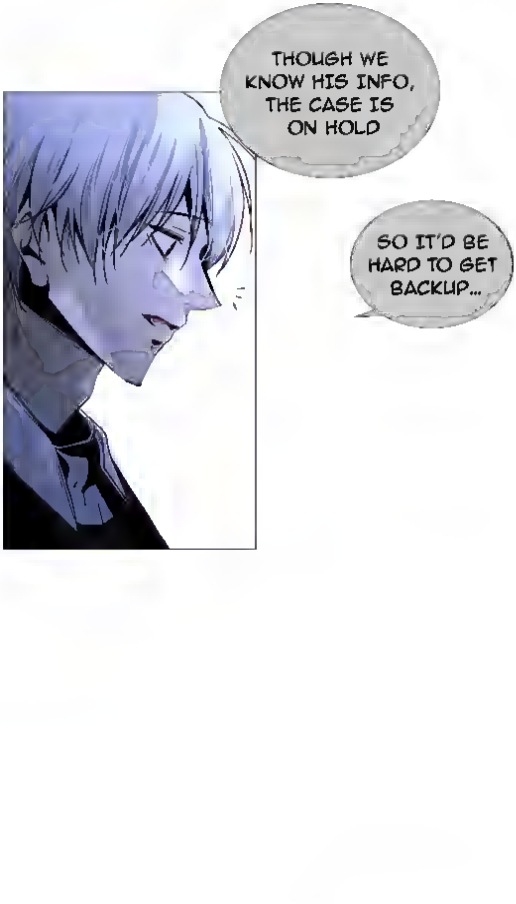
DIDN'T GET ANY SHUT-EYE?


WHAT OF THE MANA ASSOCIATION? DID YOU SEE PSYCHI?
IT'D BE BETTER NOT TO COUNT ON PSYCHI.

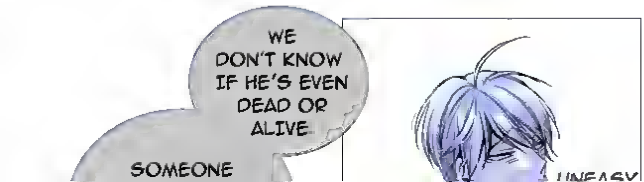
THE NAME'S HEATH, RESEARCH DIRECTOR OF THE 7TH LAB 221 YEARS AGO.
DID PYSCHI HELP YOU?


THOUGH WE KNOW HIS INFO, THE CASE IS ON HOLD
SO IT'D BE HARD TO GET BACKUP...

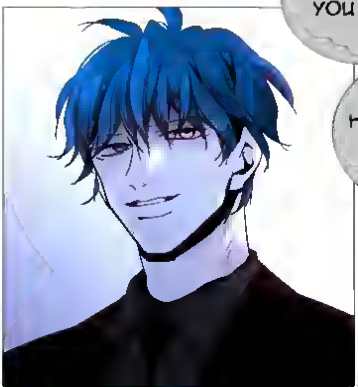
QUIT IF YOU CAN'T MANAGE

CAPTAIN, GIVE US THIS CASE.

WHAT HAS GOTTEN INTO ALL OF YOU?


WE DON'T KNOW IF HE'S EVEN DEAD OR ALIVE
SOMEONE
UNEASY

SHOULD STEP UP BEFORE THINGS GET WORSE.



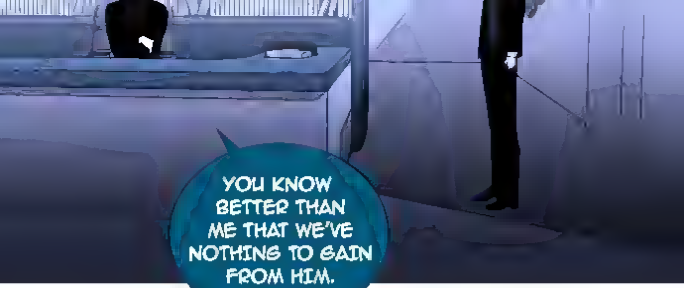
BY THE WAY, YOU JERK,

IS THIS HOW YOU HANDLE NOT JUST ANY BUT A CASE OF MISSING KIDS?

ANYOE WOULD SEE HOW UNREASONABLE THIS HAS BEEN

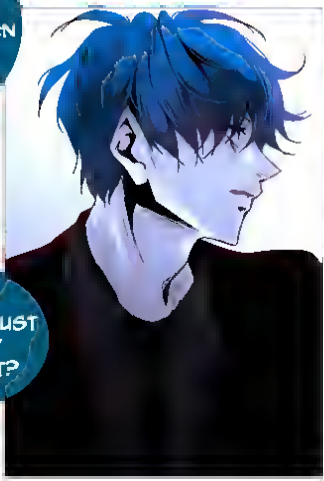
ANNOYED

IS THE EFTICHIA SECRETARY INVOLVED?


YOU KNOW BETTER THAN ME THAT WE'VE NOTHING TO GAIN FROM HIM.

THIS CASE, IT CONCERNS EFTICHIA, BUT IT'S ALSO OF MISSING CHILDREN.

TAKING AWAY YOUR INVESTIGATIVE RIGHTS TO FIND THOSE CHILDREN IS HOW I KEPT TIES WITH TESERA...



SHOULD I JUST DO AWAY WITH THAT?

WHY DO YOU ASK ME?
CAPTAIN, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TAKES CHARGE.
.....

SINCE I CAN'T STIR THINGS UP,

WANT TO TAKE A SHOT?

WHAT HE SAID,
TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK IT MEANS.

HE'D HAVE YOUR BACK,
SO MAYBE YOU SHOULD ROCK THE BOAT?

THAT'S WHAT I THINK!!!
BUT WE CAUSED TROUBLE WITH THE STAMP

RIGHT.
A HEARING IS SET ANYWAYS.
THAT'S NOT HOW HEARINGS WORK, TEN!!!

BUT PENGUIN NEEDS MORE URGENT CARE
AND IF TESERA MEDDLES THIS FAR, WHAT'S THE POINT OF YEOHADAN?

DON'T HANG OUT WITH PENGUIN!!
HE'S GOT YOU CHANGED!!
WHAT THE, PENGUIN'S NOW OUT COLD.

RIGHT WHEN I BRING HIM BIG NEWS!
EVEN WHEN TIRED, THIS IS NO WAY TO BEHAVE!
SWOOSH
PEOPLE CAN THINK YOU'RE

.. WHAT?

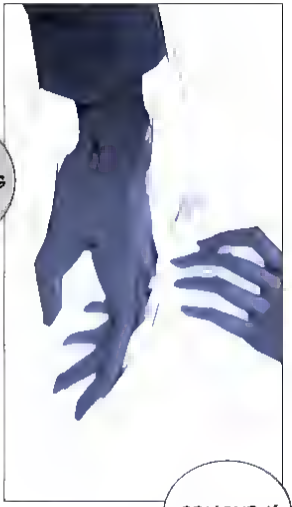
YOU DON'T USUALLY PLAY DEAD...

HEY.

PENGUIN.

PENGUIN?

NOTHING!



GO ON AHEAD FOR SHOOTING PRACTICE!

PENGUIN!

EXHAUSTING

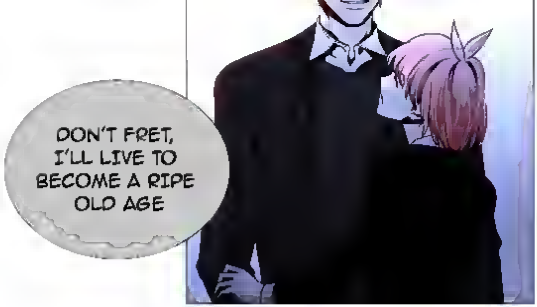
I ALMOST DIED CARRYING HIM IN.
OOOOF
HE FAINTED ON US.
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?

HE'S BEEN

LIKE THIS FOR 3 YEARS.

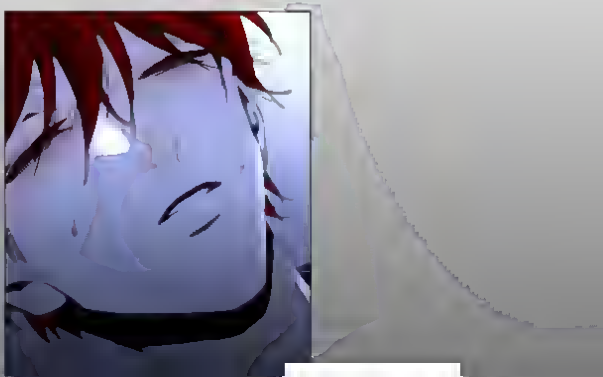
BESIDES WHEN HE GOT HURT, I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM ACTUALLY REST.

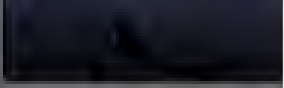
DON'T GET SICK I'D GO NUTS IF YOU PSYCH ME OUT.


DON'T FRET, I'LL LIVE TO BECOME A RIPE OLD AGE

HE LOOKED ILL FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS.

I DIDN'T STEP IN SINCE HE'S NOT THE GUY TO LISTEN...

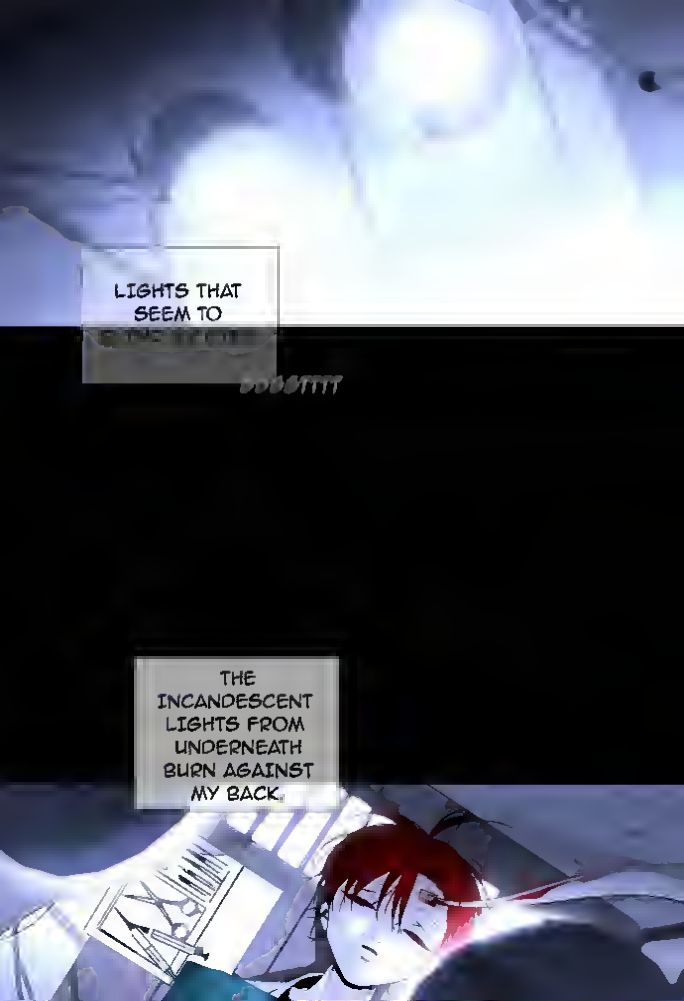




I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS...

I FEEL LIGHT-HEADED

WHIRRING SOUND
OF MACHINERY.


LIGHTS THAT SEEM TO
THE INCANDESCENT LIGHTS FROM UNDERNEATH BURN AGAINST MY BACK.

AS IF MY CUBES TOYS BOOKS AND THE HOUSE I LIVED IN
HAVE BEEN ALL ENGULFED BY HELLFIRE...
DRIP...

I THINK I CONSIDER THAT.

WHERE HAS RAN GONE TO?
THE DOCTOR TOOK HIM.

THIS IS ALL A NIGHTMARE
WE CAN WAIT IT OUT.

HE PROMISED THAT HE'D COME BACK...

▶▶To be continued...